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SUBJECT: SEATO: PROPOSED NEW INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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FOR HARRIET ISOM

1. DEPT OFFICERS (NETHERCUT AND BURNET) HAVE DISCUSSED NEW ZEALAND COMMENTS ON SECGEN'S PROPOSALS WITH EMBASSY OFFICER (MICHAEL POWLES). DEPT GENERALLY SHARES NEW ZEALAND VIEWS ON APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONS OF NEW COMMITTEE AND DESIRABILITY OF MOVING AWAY FROM PRODUCTION OF AGREED THREAT ASSESSMENTS AND TOWARD MORE USEFUL GIVE-AND-TAKE DISCUSSION OF BASIC PROBLEMS AND RELATIONSHIP TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN AREA.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE INFORMALLY BROACHED IDEA WITH BOTH NEW ZEALAND (POWLES) AND UK (MICHAEL PIKE) HERE OF SHAPING ANNUAL MEETING OF IAC ALONG LINES OF NATO EXPERT
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MEETINGS. UNDER SUCH ARRANGEMENT, EACH MEMBER WOULD SUBMIT

CONTRIBUTION BEFOREHAND ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING SEATO AREA; ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANTS WOULD COME FROM EACH COUNTRY; SEVERAL DAYS' DISCUSSION WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE REPORT NOTING IMPLICATIONS OF CURRENT SITUATION FOR ORGANIZATION AND TREATY; AND SUBMISSION OF REPORT TO MINISTERS PRIOR TO ANNUAL SEATO COUNCIL MEETING.

3. BOTH UK AND NEW ZEALAND REPS THOUGHT THIS CONCEPT WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON ORIENTATION NEW COMMITTEE.

4. SUGGEST EMBASSY DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH HARRIET ISOM IN FORMULATING YOUR RESPONSE WHEN SECGEN'S PROPOSAL IS REVIEWED BY COUNCIL REPS.

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